



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL  
OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED UPON THE AUDIT PERFORMED IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

The Honorable Hugh J. Dorrian  
City Auditor  
City of Columbus, Ohio

and

The Honorable Jim Petro  
Auditor of State

We have audited the basic financial statements of the City of Columbus, Ohio (the City) for the year ended December 31, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated May 13, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

**COMPLIANCE**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance, which we have presented to management and the City in a separate letter dated May 13, 2002.

**INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a

condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting, which we have presented to management and the City in a separate letter dated May 13, 2002

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This report is intended solely for the information of the City's management, the Ohio Auditor of State, and federal awarding agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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May 13, 2002